

In the third divisional application Serial No. 09/411,111, claims 51-62 were prosecuted covering formula IV. This case is now allowed.

In the present (fourth) divisional application, the remaining claims 63-86 covering formula V is wished, and respectfully requested, by the applicants to be prosecuted.

In the parent application and in the first, second and third divisional applications, applicants have canceled the composition claims since publications/patents disclose the majority of compounds/compositions having kappa opioid agonist activity. However, none of the publications/patents disclose or suggest the use of the compounds/compositions for the prevention or treatment of prutitus.

In the present, fourth divisional application, applicants have also canceled the composition claims and amended the method of treatment claims.

As a result of this preliminary amendment:

Claims 1-66 are canceled;

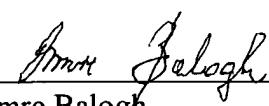
Claims 67, 72, 77 and 82 are amended; and

Claims 68-71, 73-76, 78-81 and 83-86 remain as originally filed.

Favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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